

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 776

By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to commend Clayton Thomas Matthews for extraordinary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Thomas Matthews is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Jimmy O. Naifeh; Clayton's work resulted in innumerable benefits for Speaker Naifeh and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, he is the first born son of Barbara Case and Stan Matthews, who taught him the value of hard work; his father worked days as a mechanic and his mother, who worked evenings, was committed to her job as a restaurant cook; and

WHEREAS, Clayton was an exemplary student at Chester County High School where he graduated as an Honors Graduate in 1993; and

WHEREAS, he served with probity as the Class President during his junior and senior years; he was a valued member of the 4-H Club Program and active in the 4-H Honor Club, as a

4-H All-Star, and as a 4-H Vol State Honoree. He continues to participate as a mentor for 4-H children today; and

WHEREAS, a cum laude graduate of Lambuth University, where he was highly admired by his peers, Clayton achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, during his college career, Mr. Matthews was committed to the Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity, of which he honorably served as Vice President, Secretary, and Parliamentarian; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Clayton was a dedicated member of the Lambuth University American Mock Trial Association team; the talented membership of this esteemed group qualified for and competed in the Nationals held in St. Paul, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, a talented and skilled performer, Mr. Matthews was a member of the Concert Choir and was active in the performing arts; he was selected to attend American College Theater Festival for the performance in "The Rymers of Eldritch"; and

WHEREAS, Clayton serves as an astute representative of Lambuth University; he is often asked to speak to high school students about attending Lambuth; and

WHEREAS, upon his December 2000 graduation, Clayton became the first college graduate in his family; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious and self-motivated individual, Clayton has worked hard throughout his high school and college careers in order to support himself in his academic endeavors; he worked full-time in college as a radio and dance club disc jockey, held various part-time jobs during high school, and spent summers as a counselor at the 4-H camp in Milan; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments are a great source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; Mr. Matthews' future career goals include attending law school so that he might practice criminal law or work in state government; and

WHEREAS, the legislative staff Clayton has worked closely with speak well of his innumerable contributions; he was always the first to arrive in the office and known to adhere to the sensible principles of having a balanced breakfast before beginning the day; and

WHEREAS, it is rumored that he frequents Tunica, has a habit of laughing at the computer as he checks e-mail, and has a sincere passion for food that leaves little to be wasted; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young man should have been voted "Most Vocal" by his fellow interns; he is known for his outspoken personality and enjoys laughing and joking with the office staff; and

WHEREAS, the housing at Lambuth University is often the object of his teasing; and

WHEREAS, he truly values his experience with the state legislature and has enjoyed being Cynthia's "supervisor"; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Mr. Matthews has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to assist in his studies, Clayton brought his ability and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Clayton Thomas Matthews for outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

